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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

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1. WE HAVE NOW HAD OCCASION TO OBTAIN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S VIEWS ON DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND IS BACK FROM LEAVE, HAS EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE ON THE VISIT AND HAS VOICED DESIRE TO HAVE MINISTRY TAKE LEAD IN PROGRAMMING. HE HAS NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT LEIF EDWARDSEN TO HEAD UP MINISTRY PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF VISIT.

2. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY TO MEET FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DRYDENLUND AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ON SUBJECTS OF MUTAL INTEREST, PROBABLY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 7. ADDITIONALLY DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI, CHAIRMAN OF STORTING FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TOR OFTEDAL, AND IF POSSIBLE WITHIN SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE. IF THERE IS SCHEDULING CONFLICT, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE KLEPPE IN ONE OF PLANNED REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS. FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD LIKE STATOIL CHAIRMAN FINN LIED TO BRIEF DEPUTY SECRETARY ON NORWEGIAN OIL INDUSTRY.

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3. NORWEGIANS WOULD ALSO LIKE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO

MEET HM KING OLAV V. AS MATTER OF USUAL PROTOCOL  
THEY HAVE ASKED IF DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO  
HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS MAJESTY.

4. AS TO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS FRYDENLUND IS PLANNING TO  
HOST LUNCHEON FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY SEPTEMBER 8 AND  
DINNER ON SEPTEMBER 9. WE ASSUME AMBASSADOR  
BYRNE WILL GIVE DINNER FOR THE INGERSOLLS SEPTEMBER 8.

5. WE HAVE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OF DEPUTY  
SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN ACCOMPANYING MRS. INGERSOLL TO  
VISIT HANDICRAFT INDUSTRY SITES IN FREDRICKSTAD. EMBASSY  
WILL ARRANGE SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING FOR MRS. INGERSOLL  
IN OSLO AND SOME SIGHTSEEING IN OSLO FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY.  
DETAILS WILL BE SENT LATER WHEN FULL OFFICIAL PROGRAM  
IS MORE FIRM.

6. AS TO WEST COAST PORTION OF TRIP, WE SUGGEST PARTY  
STAY AT NORGE HOTEL IN BERGEN. ON SEEING FJORD COUNTRY,  
TWO ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE. FIRST IS TO REMAIN  
IN BERGEN SEPTEMBER 6-7 FOR CITY SIGHTSEEING AND  
FIVE-HOUR FJORD TRIP FROM AND RETURNING TO BERGEN.  
THEN FLY TO OSLO EVENING SEPTEMBER 7. SECOND, AND  
PROGRAM WE SUGGEST, BECAUSE IT PROVIDES THE BEST  
POSSIBLE FJORD EXPERIENCE, IS TO STAY IN BERGEN  
SEPTEMBER 6 FOR REST AND BRIEF SIGHTSEEING AND THEN  
TAKE FJORD STEAMER AT 0800 SEPTEMBER 7 FROM BERGEN  
THROUGH PICTURESQUE SOGNEFJORD TO FLAM, ARRIV-  
ING 1350. FROM THERE TAKE TRAIN UP SPECTACULAR FLAM  
MOUNTAIN RAILWAY TO MYRDAL AND THENCE CATCH TRAIN TO  
OSLO ARRIVING 2155. EMBASSY WILL MAKE RESERVATION AND  
EMBASSY OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY, IF DESIRED.

7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE (A) REACTION TO PROGRAM  
OUTLINE, (B) DEPUTY SECRETARY WISHES ON AUDIENCE WITH  
KING OLAV, AND (C) PREFERENCE ON BERGEN PORTION OF STAY.  
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